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REPRESENTATION

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The Sherriff Depute of *Roſs*, Commiſſioners of Juſticiary and Supply, and of the Juſtices of Peace within the [illegible]

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Popery was the beſt of all Religions, And that the Devil did only Ordain Proteſtant Miniſters, &c. The Miniſter and Seſſion of *Kilernan*, Ordained him to ſtand in Sackcloath, and pay a Mulct to the Poor. Whereupon he (in preſence of [illegible], his Maſter, the Reader, and ſome of the Elders,) Declared, That *ſome perſon ſhall ſmart for that dayes work.*

Mr. *John Mackenzie* the Miniſter atteſted, all then preſent, *That if he ſhould ſuffer, there was reaſon to ſuſpect John Glaſs for it*: And within a ſhort time thereafter, falls into Vehement Burnings, Extream Sweatings, and many other *preternatural Torments*, whereof the Phyſicians could give no Tollerable account.

But *Donald Moir*, a perſon under the common repute of a Warlock, being challenged as the Author, did diſtinctly confeſs, and perſiſt therein till his death, That *John Glaſs imployed him to put the Miniſter out of the way.* In order whereunto *Donald* aſſumes his Confederates. And *Agnes Deſs* (alwayes reputed as a Witch,) has acknowledged, That *She her ſelf with Donald Moir, Agnes Urich, Agnes Chiſholm, and Others, made an Effigies, &c. And that the Devil in likeneſs of a Black Man, with cloven feet, and bigg hands, did aſſiſt them in the Operation!*

There was likewiſe found under the Ground in *Agnes Deſſes* houſe, a Clew made of *Mans hair*, A Diſh bored in the ſide, and cliſted in the bottom, &c. And *Donald Moir* confeſſed, that *John Glaſs promiſed him a free houſe, gave him a peck of Meal in hand*; And thereafter enquired, *if the Turn was done?* &c. And being interrogat, Where the Corps was at the time? Anſwered, That *he knew not, unliſs it were in the cuſtodie of John Glaſs, or Donald Mackwilkie his Father in Law*, a perſon alwayes ſuſpected of Witchcraft.

John Glaſs on notice of *Donald Moirs* Diſcovery, comes with his Son and Servant to a Friend of the Miniſter, And, beſides ſeveral unbeſeeming expreſſions, Threatned, that *they would ſhoot him*, *if he ſhould challeng them as Authors of his deceaſe.* And likewiſe when the Sherriff and Commiſſioners had committed *Donald Moir* to priſon till a Commiſſion from the Council ſhould come up, *he is found ſtrangled*; which could not have been done by himſelf, ſeeing both his hands and feet were tyed, and the Shekels were ſound knocked off, And the

the rope was faſtened to the top of the houſe: And the Witneſſes in the pr with him at the time, heard his laſt words, Viz: *Let me alone in the De name, for ye have done me too much miſchief already*: And it can be proven t *John Glaſs* Sons were *abſent* from the houſe that night, &c. All which are v lent preſumptions, that *Donald Moir* has been cut off by *John Glaſs*, for preve ting a Legal Teſtimony before an Aſſize, when the Commiſſion for Tryal w arrived.

There are many other Evidences which were adduced before us, and he upon we ſent inſtructions for obtaining a Commiſſion from his Majeſties P vie Council, which the Vaccation did obſtruct.

But in the mean time *John Glaſs* foreſeeing what *might follow*, at laſt preſe a Bill of Advocation to the Lords of Juſticiary, *Craving*, That his Cauſe m be Advocate, Not only from the Sherriff, and all other inferiour Judges; B likewiſe from *any Commiſſion of Council that might come to be obtained*; But the A vocation is *only granted* from the Sherriff, and *other inferiour Judges*.

It is now Humbly Repreſented,

1mo. That a Commiſſion ought to be granted, Becauſe, otherwayes, t Criminals cannot miſs to eſcape: in reſpect of the *Diſtance* of the place, ſo th *multitudes of witneſſes*, (many of whom *are Old*,) and Aſſizers (who are mo fit to be of the *Neighbourhead*) cannot come up, Eſpecially, conſidering that th would amount to a *great Expence*: And many both of the Criminals and Wi neſſes, can only ſpeak the *Highland Language*, which will difficult the Tryal this place.

2do: The Advocation can be no ground to hinder the Extenſion of this Co miſſion, even to *John Glaſs*, both in Reſpect, that its not doubted, But the Lord of Juſticiary will *concurr in the Remit*: And becauſe a Commiſſion from th Council is not precluded by the Advocation, ſeeing it only diſcharges, an Advocates from *inferiour Judges*.

Hence there needs no Anſwer to the impertinency of the Reaſons of Adv tion, and many *Calumnies* laid againſt us therein, As if we had not taken th Oaths, &c. But it is known who is the *Father of Lies*; And we had nothing i our View in all the pains and Expenſes that we have been at, But the Glory of GOD, the Safety of our Countrey, and the Exoneration of our Conſcien cies, by a well grounded Zeal againſt theſe Enemies of Heaven and Earth, wh are numerous and diſtinctly known in theſe parts; And the inhabitants [illegible] this late Diſcovery, are in a great Co [illegible] bringing theſe Miſcreants to Judgeme [illegible]

Beſides, there was no *proceſs*, and conſequently, there could have been no Ad vocation *quoad John Glaſs*; And he is [illegible] as a great Criminal by the com mon belief of the Country, That if he ſhould eſcape a Tryal, (which cann miſs, if he be not in the Commiſſion,) They will [illegible] to his *Revenge*, and to all the Inſtruments which he can be [illegible] by the Aſſiſtance of the Devil.

In Reſpect whereof, &c.